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SUBJECT: REGULAR ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING ENDS

REF: (A) CAIRO 5231 (B) CAIRO 5374

1. SEMI-ANNUAL AL COUNCIL MEETING ENDED MARCH 30. IN ADDITION  
TO EXTENSION OF ADF MANDATE IN LEBANON FOR ADDITIONAL SIX MONTH  
BEGINNING APRIL 27 AND EXTENSION OF LEBANESE QUADRIPARTITE

COMMITTEE ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS (REFTEL, SESSION APPEARED SINGULARLY DEVOID OF SUBSTANCE. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT COMMITTEE FORMED UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF ALSYG RIAD TO STUDY "CONDITION OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO FILL CERTAIN (BOYCOTT) GAPS". COMMITTEE ALSO FORMED, COMPRISING EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, TUNISIA, AND LIBYA, TO STUDY WAYS TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY OF AL AND TO MAKE REPORT BEFORE NEXT SEPTEMBER. AL COUNCIL ALSO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED GOE REQUEST TO BRING SALARIES OF EGYPTIAN EMPLOYEES AT CAIRO AL HQS INTO LINE WITH SALARIES OF OTHER ARABS (EGYPTIANS MAKE MUCH LESS) AND TO EXEMPT LEBANON FROM PAYING ITS ANNUAL \$13.5 MILLION SHARE OF AL BUDGET FOR 1977.

2. COMMENT: AL SESSION, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF ALGERIAN EDUCATION MINISTER ABDELDRIM BEHMAHMOUD, APPEARS TO HAVE FAILED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH QUESTION OF AFRO-ARAB FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP, WHICH WAS ACCORDING TO AL OFFICIAL ONE OF KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED. AL AFRICAN DEPT. CHIEF ADAM (SOMALI) AND EGYPTIAN MFA AFRICAN DEPT. CHIEF SIDQI HAVE BOTH TOLD US THAT ARAB AID TO AFRICA, PARTICULARLY \$1.5 BILLION AGREED AT AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT, SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF BILATERAL CHANNELS AND CHANNELED THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AL. ADAM OF AL ADMITTED TO EMBOFFS THAT AL AT PRESENT SHORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO CHANNEL LARGE SUMS OF ARAB AID AND THIS MAY EXPLAIN FORMATION OF AL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY. NEXT STEP LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE WHEN FOUR ARAB DONOR STATES GET TOGETHER IN EARLY MAY (WE ARE TOLD AT FINANCE MINISTER LEVEL) TO DISCUSS HOW SUMMIT AID TO BE CHANNELLED.

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